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TAGS: MOPS, IS, SY

SUBJECT: ISRAEL-SYRIAN AIR CLASH

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR RAVIV RESPONDED LATE AFTERNOON TO
QUERIES WE HAD POSED REPORTED REFTEL. HE SAID THAT INI-
TIAL PHASE OF BATTLE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN COAST AND POINT 10
MILES SOUTHWEST TARTUS. IN INITIAL PHASE, EIGHT A-4S AND
FOUR F-4S FACED 16 MIG 21S. BATTLE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN
10,000 AND 30,000 FEET. NINE MIG 21S DOWNED IN FIRST PHASE
OF BATTLE AND ONE A-4. FOUR MIG 21S DOWNED IN SECOND PHASE.
RAVIV INSISTED IT NOT UNUSUAL FOR IAF TO HAVE SUCH LARGE
FORCES IN RESERVE WHEN RUNNING RECON MISSIONS. WHAT WAS
UNUSUAL AND COULD NOT YET BE EXPLAINED, HE SAID, WAS FACT

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SYRIANS CHOSE TO PUT SUCH LARGE FORCES IN AIR AND IN COM-

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